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COMNAVREGSW INSTRUCTION 4000.2

From: Commander, Navy Region Southwest

Subj: GROUND ENTRY/ACCESS TO OPERATIONAL RANGE COMPLEXES

Ref: (a) DODD 4715.11
(b) OPNAVINST 8020.14/MCD P8020.11

1. Purpose. To establish COMNAVREGSW Operational Range Complexes (ORC) entry/access policy to: 1) restricts access to ORC; 2) provide explosives safety training to individuals who are authorized access to ORC; and 3) define escort criteria.

2. Information

a. Navy Region Southwest's policy is to afford the necessary protection to military, civilians, and contractor personnel; range complex visitors, and the general public from explosive hazards associated with Operational Range Complexes within its Area of Responsibility (AOR).

b. Reference (a) establishes policy and assigns responsibilities for: 1) Sustainable use and management of operational ranges located within the United States; and 2) The protection of DoD personnel and the public from explosive hazards on operational ranges located within the United States.

c. Reference (b) defines the policy for explosives safety at active and inactive ranges contaminated with Ammunition and Explosives (A&E) at DoN installations.

3. Policy. Personnel who utilize ranges and the general public shall be safe from the hazards of A&E.

4. Action. Range Complex Commanders (RCC), in coordination with Installation Commanding Officers, who have ORCs within their AOR, shall implement the following policy:

a. Entry/Access To Areas Associated with ORC:

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(1) High Explosive (HE) Impact Areas. Prohibit anyone from conducting activity, except for general maintenance (i.e., target placement and repair; road and fence repair; EOD/UXO sweeps and render safe UXO; clearance of range residue (ordnance scrap and target debris)) and military ground operations in support of aviation training within HE impact areas. The use of ground maneuver units which are not supporting aviation training shall not be approved. Any activity associated with archaeological or biological monitoring and surveys or recreational (to include hunting) use is strictly prohibited.

(2) Non-High Explosive Impact Areas. Entry/Access for official business only is authorized and shall be in accordance with the Installation Commanding Officer/Range Complex Commander's policy/instruction for entry/access to ORC under their operational control. Access will not be authorized for any area within an ORC until the requestor has obtained the following:

- (a) Approval to enter/access the ORC from the RCC.
- (b) Reviewed/received a Ground Access Safety Brief,
- (c) Holds a valid Entry/Access Range Brief Certification Card.
- (d) Ground entry/access has been scheduled.
- (e) A range event number has been assigned.

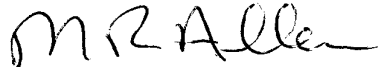
b. With the exception of number 3 above, one-time visitors shall meet the above requirements to gain entry/access to an ORC. All one-time visitors will be escorted in and only authorized in non-HE impact areas by an individual who holds an active Entry/Access Range Brief Certification Card.

c. Individuals (i.e., natural and cultural resources specialist, military personnel conducting ground training, etc.) who conduct official business on a routine basis, in non-high explosive impact areas, are not required to be escorted by Navy Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit (EOD) or UXO (contractor) personnel. However, prior to requesting entry/access, all individuals shall be briefed on explosives safety hazards associated with entry/access to these areas by the Range Complex Commander and/or EOD. Upon receiving the brief all participants will be issued an Entry/Access Range

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Brief Certification Card. This card will be valid for twelve (12) months. Upon expiration the cardholder must receive the brief again to obtain a current card to gain entry/access to the ORC.

d. One-time visitor(s), on official business, are authorized to enter/access non -high explosive impact areas. However, EOD, government employees, or contractors who have received the brief mentioned above and have a current Entry/Access Range Brief Certification Card shall escort these visitors. This trained individual shall be responsible for ensuring that safety procedures are followed for the entire group (no more than ten individuals, including the escort). Point of contact at the Regional Range Support Program Office is the Program Manager at (775) 426-2405/DSN 830-2405.



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